Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is the one day set aside each year to commemorate the planting and proper care of trees; and,

WHEREAS, The founder of Arbor Day, J. Sterling Morton, from our sister state of Nebraska said, "Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future"; and,

WHEREAS, Trees are truly gifts of our ancestors whose concern for the future moved them to plant trees to provide environmental, economic, and aesthetic benefits; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota's Centennial is drawing near, and there are few better and more enduring ways to commemorate our state's Centennial than through the planting of trees, which constitute one of the greatest achievements of nature; and,

WHEREAS, South Dakota's Arbor Day has become a symbol of faith and hope for the future:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 29, 1988, as

ARBOR DAY

and the entire week of April 25 through May 1, 1988, as

ARBOR WEEK

in South Dakota, and I urge all South Dakotans to actively plan and carry out tree planting projects for the betterment of our state, and to become more aware of the values and benefits trees provide and their importance to the well-being of the people and State of South Dakota. Further, I urge all citizens to demonstrate their concern for future generations by giving the gift of planted trees on Arbor Day and throughout South Dakota's Arbor Day season.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE